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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1024

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AFSP, SY

SUBJECT: DCM RESIDENCE

1. POST HAS LOCATED POSSIBLE DCM RESIDENCE IN BUILDING ADJACENT TO CHANCERY. APARTMENT IS GROUND FLOOR WITH SMALL GARDEN AND HAS POSSIBILITY OF UP TO FOUR BEDROOMS. CHARGE LOOKED AT APARTMENT ON 15 JULY AND WAS QUITE PLEASED WITH IT.

2. HOWEVER, SHOULD CHARGE DECIDE APARTMENT NOT ENTIRELY SUITABLE AS DCM RESIDENCE THIS APARTMENT EXCELLENTLY SITUATED AND SUITABLE FOR WHAT, IN NEAR FUTURE, WILL BE DESPERATLY NEEDED OFFICE SPACE. BASED ON PROPOSED AMERICAN OFFICER STAFFING THIS APARTMENT HAS SPACE ENOUGH FOR ADMIN, CONSULAR, AND POSSIBLE COMMERCIAL SECTIONS. DIRECT ACCESS TO CHANCERY GROUNDS POSSIBLE BY PLACING GATE IN PROPERTY WALL.

3. OWNER ASKING (AND ADMIN OFF FEELS PRICE IS WELL WITHIN GOING RATES IN DAMAS) DOLLARS 13,700.00 PER YEAR WITH TWO YEAR ADVANCE. OCCUPANCY AND START OF LEASE WOULD BE ON OR ABOUT 1 SEPTEMBER. LENGTH OF LEASE IS OPTIONAL HOWEVER ADMIN OFF STRONGLY SUGGESTS MAXIMUM LENGHT POSSIBLE (TEN YEARS).

4. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR THINKING ON THIS SOONEST. CHINESE EMBASSY AND ONE OF THE EMIRATES ALSO BIDDING ON APARTMENT. AS A MATTER OF FACT CHINESE HAVE ALREADY OFFERED DOLLARS 16,000.00 PLUS BUT OWNER WOULD PREFER USG LEASE.

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